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SUBJ: 5 TH SERBIAN LC CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. THE SERBIAN LC 5 TH CONFERENCE APRIL 26-27 ASSESSED PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LINE OF THE TITO- DOLANC LETTER, CONCLUDING THAT MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE BUT ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT REMAINED. SPEAKERS REFRAINED FROM ATTACKS ON OUSTED LCS LEADERSHIP, BUT FOCUS ON CONTINUING PROBLEMS AT BELGRADE UNIVERSITY INDICATES MORE ACTION CAN BE EXPECTED THERE. DIRECT PRODUCTION WORKERS PREDOMINATED IN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO LCS CC. END SUMMARY.

2. FIFTH CONFERENCE OF SERBIAN LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS (LCS) MET APRIL 26-27 WITH SOME 337 DELEGATES PLUS OBSERVERS FROM OTHER LC ORGANIZATIONS AND LCY BODIES, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE BUREAU HEAD STANE DOLANC . THE THEME THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE, FROM THE INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THESES BY LCS SECRETARY MIRKO POPOVIC TO FINAL SPEECH BY LCS PRESIDENT TIKHOMIR VLASKALIC, WAS THAT MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE THE " TITO- EXECUTIVE BUREAU LETTER" OF LAST SEPTEMBER, BUT THAT THERE STILL REMAINS MUCH TO DO IF THE LCS IS TO BE PUT INTO PROPER SHAPE.

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3. IN HIS OPENER POPOVIC CITED THE NOW ROUTING SPECTRUM

OF ENEMIES OF SELF MANAGEMENT INCLUDING NATIONALISTS, TECHNOCRATS, BUREAUCRATS, ANARCHO- LIBERALS, DOGMATIC STALINISTS, NEW LEFTISTS, ETC. (THIS THEME WAS ECHOED IN VARIOUS FORMS BY OTHER SPEAKERS). POPOVIC ENUNCIATED THREE PRINCIPAL TASKS FOR THE LCS (WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY WERE ADOPTED): (1) STRENGTHENING THE LC AS THE REVOLUTIONARY AVANT- GUARD OF THE WORKING CLASS; (2) DEVELOPING THE SOCIALIST SELF- MANAGEMENT PRODUCTION RELATIONS IN ALL SPHERES OF WORK AND OF PUBLIC LIFE... TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKING CLASS HAS MASTERY OVER THE ENTIRE SOCIAL REPRODUCTION AND OVER EARNED INCOME; AND (3) CREATIVE APPLICATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MARXISM IN THE DIRECTION OF SOCIALIST SELF- MANAGEMENT SOCIETY, AND STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI- SELF MANAGEMENT IDEOLOGIES - TOGETHER WITH ELIMINATION OF ANY VESTIGES OF BUREAUCRATIC AND ETATISTIC CONSCIENCE.

4. OTHER THAN GENERAL REFERENCES TO THE NEED TO ROOT OUT ANTI- SELF- MANAGEMENT FORCES IN RPODUCTION, THE ONLY SPECIFIC AREA CITED AS A CONTINUING PROBLEM WAS THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE. NOTING THAT LCS WAS PARTICULARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IDEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AT UNIVERSITIES, POPOVIC SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING SEATS OF ACTIVITY FOR ANTI- SOCIALIST AND ALL OTHER DESTRUCTIVE POLITICAL FORCES. HE CONTINUED BELGRADE UNIVERSITY LC COMMITTEE HAD " RESOLUTELY STARTED AN IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CENTERS AND VEHICLES OF THESE ACTIVITIES." THIS THEME WAS ECHOED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, INCLUDING DR. MILORAD BERTOLINO, SECRETARY OF UNIVERSITY LC COMMITTEE AND ONE OF TEN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO LCS CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

5. OTHER THAN BERTOLINO AND DJORDJE LAZIC, WHO REPLACED OUSTED BORA PAVLOVIC AS SECRETARY OF BELGRADE CITY LC COMMITTEE, NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS SEEMED DISTINGUISHED ONLY BY FACT THAT FIVE OF THEM ARE DIRECT PRODUCTION WORKERS, AND TWO MORE ARE FORMER WORKERS NOW SERVING AS PARTY FUNCTIONARIES.

6. COMMENT: UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE LC PRESIDENT BRANKO PRIBICEVIC (WHO DID NOT SPEAK AT CONFERENCE) RECENTLY TOLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DCM HE HOPED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY LC COMMITTEE AND PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY COULD BE KEPT OUT OF PARTY CONFERENCE. THIS CLEARLY WAS NOT CASE, AND FROM THE POPOVIC STATEMENT THAT STRUGGLE IN UNIVERSITY WAS ONLY " STARTED," IT WOULD APPEAR MORE ACTION CAN BE EXPECTED ON THAT FRONT. OTHERWISE, LCS CONFERENCE BROKE NO NEW GROUND AND AVOIDED PERSONAL ATTACKS ON LEADERSHIP OUSTED LAST FALL, SOMETHING WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED IF THERE WERE CONTINUING EFFECTIVE RESISTANCE IN LCS TO TITO- DOLANC LINE.

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